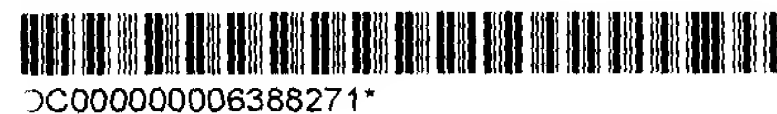


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

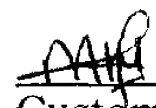
- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$188.
 - \$108 for 6 total claims over 20.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1028.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



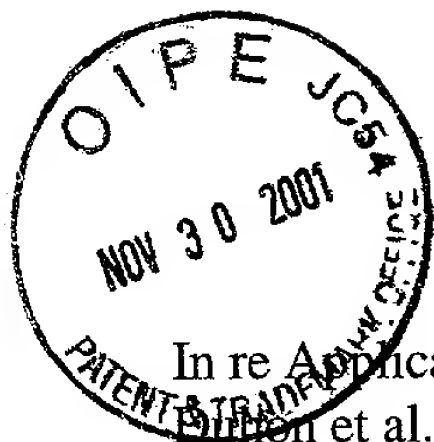
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS
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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers – Filing Date Granted" mailed August 6, 2001, Applicant encloses corrected drawings (13 sheets). Also enclosed is the copy of the notice that is to be returned with response.

Also enclosed is the signed declaration document (7 pages). Please charge the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130.00 to Schlumberger Technology Corporation Deposit Account Number 50-0457. (A fee transmittal sheet is enclosed for that purpose.) Also enclosed for this application are the signed Power of Attorney and a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) with attachment.

No additional fees are thought to be necessary. However should such fees be deemed necessary, please charge any fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0457. Please stamp and return the enclosed postcard to acknowledge receipt of these documents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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